

Mr. C. F. Swaney, Sr., the father of our bustling new agent and real estate dealer, has returned to work after 9 days' vacation.

Mrs. Bettle Lee, one of our progressive ladies, has bought a beautiful residence at 629 Winona, and will move into it in the very near future.

Mr. James McAfee on Haskell Ave., has given his beautiful residence a new coat of paint, which adds greatly to its already fine appearance.

The children of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church rendered a very fine program at the 8th Street Baptist Tabernacle, Monday night. The children did excellent.

Swaney and McNeal have a fine list of real estate for sale and are never so busy that they cannot take time to show it to you. If it bargains you want, see them.

Miss Mickey a teacher in our schools, will spend her vacation in Colorado Springs. She reports an excellent scholastic year and is looking forward to the resumption of her school duties.

Mrs. J. P. King, the wife of our Silver Tongued Orator, Prof. J. P. King, is in Topeka, at the bedside of her father, who is very ill. We hope, however, that his illness will not prove serious.

Miss Trussie Smothers, who has just completed a successful year as principal of Stowe School, after a short visit to her home, will go to Excelsior Springs for a rest and the benefits of the medicinal waters.

The delegates from the 8th Street Baptist Tabernacle, who attended the Sunday School convention last week in Argentine, Kansas, made a splendid report at the Sunday service. We most especially speak of the Cradle Roll report.

Mrs. S. V. Bouldin, the wife of our progressive cleaner, has been indisposed for the past few days. However, we hope that her illness is not of a serious nature and that she will soon be herself again, and be able to attend her many social duties.

Mrs. M. A. Milligan, 1111 N. 16th Street, who is now interested in the Buffalo Cafe has been appointed Dog Enumerator for the ensuing year. Mrs. Milligan was for two years school Enumerator. Her work must have been O. K. or she would not be retained.

Mrs. Tilford Davis, Grand Worthy Counselor of the Court of Calanthe, reports a very pleasant tour of the many Courts of the State. She writes that she is being royally entertained and her reception everywhere has been pleasant.

Mrs. Vashit Crutcher, the sister-in-law of Mrs. E. B. Tilley, who has made her home in Carrollton, Mo., passed through enroute to Wyoming to join her husband who is in the employ of the Fred Harvey House as chef. We hope they will like their new home. Master W. C. Crutcher, Jr., accompanied his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sours, 221 Stewart Ave., are the proud parents of a baby boy who arrived Saturday, June 7th. Mother and son are doing very nicely.

The Commencement Exercises at Western University last week were of a very fine nature and spoke well for the President and Faculty. The crowd that witnessed the Commencement Day exercises, which were held under a tent on the Campus, was estimated to be about 5,000.

Miss Laura J. Harlan, 1066 Washington Blvd., principal of Douglas School will spend her vacation in and out of the city on short visits. She reports a very successful year with her pupils and is planning for a greater success in the coming scholastic year.

IN MEMORIAM. In loving memory of my son, Lester Horne: Just two months ago you left us. How we miss you Lester, dear. And remember all your kindness. As we drop a silent tear. —MOTHER, Mrs. Aurilia Bryant.

Miss Vera Ward, the accomplished sister of the efficient dentist, Dr. T. V. Ward left this week for Denver, Colo., where she will spend the summer. Dr. T. V. Ward has put quite a bit of new dental equipment in his office at 409 Minnesota Avenue, and states that he is now in a position to give his patients the best of service in the most up-to-date manner. Mr. Ward is a deserving young man and should have the patronage of those in need of his line of work.

We are in receipt of a letter from Marshall, Mo., stating that one of the old citizens, in the person of Charles Stewart has passed out. His funeral was held from the A. M. E. Church. He was one of Marshall's most worthy citizens and during his long residence in Marshall had won the respect of both white and black.

He had been in the employ of Wood & Huston bankers, for a number of years and was commended for his faithful attention to duty. He died of the asthma at the ripe old age of 89 years. The sorrowing ones have our heartfelt sympathy.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Kansas City, Kansas. Rev. W. A. Bowen, Pastor.

Last Sunday was a great day in our history. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. was well attended and collection was good. At 11 a. m. our pastor preached an able sermon on "The Privileges of Grace," Hebrew 4:16. This service was crowded with anxious hearers who gave manifestations of joy. At 2:30 p. m. the G. U. O. of O. E. assisted by the Order of K. of P. and others rendered a fine program, after which they laid the corner stone with impressive ceremonies. Many hundred people were in attendance at this service. Dr. D. A. Holmes and Dr. George McNeal, Dr. Nixon and Mr. W. G. Banks all made good speeches praising pastor and people for their splendid accomplishment in the construction of the new church building. The B. Y. P. U. and evening services were good in attendance and spirit. Money raised on the Corner Stone \$324.50; church offering for the day \$60. We invite all to worship with us at Fraternity Hall, 214 Nebraska Ave.

W. H. Lambright of The Lambright & Company Economy Coal Club, is urging that we lay in our winter's supply of coal now as there is danger of a shortage later. The club plan will enable you to put your coal in at summer prices.

Have you missed that paper? Well, we have cut you off for non-payment of subscription. We are sorry to lose

you but papers cost money and we have to live and we save money when we cut you off. There are some here that are scheduled to go. We have called three and four times and each time you have told us the same old story, so Good-Bye to you also. And one who has paid and are not getting their papers regularly, please call West 823, Bell, and we will gladly look the matter up. Don't forget that we are in the effort that is to make the K. C. Sun the greatest Negro paper in the West. May we call for your subscription?

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Bonner Springs, Kansas. Reverend Kyles Pastor.

The services were very good all day Sunday and the attendance was fine. At the morning service our pastor for his text: "We preach not of ourselves, but Christ Jesus, the Lord," 11 Cor. 4:5. There was one soul added to the church at this service which was full of the Holy Spirit. Brother Bailey, who only had a few hours to spend with us on account of the illness of his wife, sacrificed the time so as to be with the Sunday School in which he is so much interested. We all have a great deal of respect for Brother Bailey as a Christian and a coming minister of this church. At 8:30 p. m. the pastor preached again, using as his text: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give Thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." We are trying to set up a standard for the Lord in this place and are calling for you to come over and help us break the Bread of Life to a dying humanity. We again wish to urge upon you to spend your Sunday in Bonner Springs and worship with us.

C. M. E. CHURCH. Rev. H. L. Bolden, Pastor. The pastor conducted the Sunday morning services and preached an excellent sermon. The following persons united with the church: Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Banfield and daughter. The evening service was also conducted by the pastor and we were given another wonderful sermon, full of the power and the Holy Ghost. Mrs. Palmer, and daughter, of Covington, Tenn., were welcome visitors at our morning service. Brother John Scruggs, J. S. Gaines and Sister Mabel Chipley are on the sick list, they have our prayers for a speedy recovery. The Stewardship Board No. 1 will meet at the residence of Mrs. Hattie Hulsey, 259 Mill Street. The Stewardship Board No. 2, meets with Mrs. Maud Cadell, 12th and Grandview Blvd. Mrs. Lizzie Davidson who has been on the sick list since the first of the year is much improved and is making preparations to spend the summer in Colorado Springs. We hope to have her return to us in the very best of health. The church has been divided into two clubs for the Rally that will be held the Third Sunday in July. The men are to be led by Rev. H. L. Bolden and the women by Mrs. A. J. Hill. Women, we must rally to the front and show the men that we can lead as well as follow. Bishop N. C. Cleaves will be the honored guest of the church the Fourth Sunday in June. We especially invite the members and friends to come out and assist us in making the stay of the bishop a pleasant and profitable one. The bishop will preach at the morning service, 11:00 a. m., June 22. The bricks are on the ground for the completion of our church building. The collection for the day was \$22.77.

"THE ROSE OF SHARON." (By Rev. Mose Williams, "Black Billy Sunday," Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.)

Text: "I Am the Rose of Sharon." Song 2:1. Sharon was a very faithful place, where David's cattle were fed. 1 Chron. 27:29, and was situated south of Mount Carmel, along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, extending to Caesarea, and Joppa—as it was a region of great fertility, it became proverbial of any place of beauty, and fertility. Sharon is also called a place of flocks, and the valley of Achor, a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. Isaiah 65:10. Sharon is also called a place of flocks, and the valley of Achor, a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. Isaiah 65:10.

The Damascus Rose and the finest kinds, and are at this day greatly admired in the East, for their beauty and fragrance. The figurative representations of the Savior's character and work, are frequent subjects of meditation to Christians, and convey the truths of the gospel with such sweetness, and power to the heart—Christ is here to be considered as the Rose of Sharon. A Rose is the offspring and fruit of a good, though apparently dry root. Christ, as it regards His human nature, is the offspring of David, or a branch out of the stem, and root

of Jesse (Rev. 22:16, Isa. 11:1) in regard to His divine nature, He came forth from His father; He dwelt in the bosom of the Father; but was sent into this world to secure man's salvation. A Rose is a very beautiful flower, very pleasant to the eye, of different colors, red and white and in some those two colors are intermixed, which intermixture renders them very beautiful. The beauty with which the God of nature has adorned many of the productions of the earth is wonderful. Jesus possesses all divine and moral excellencies. He is altogether lovely. The loveliest production of nature is only a faint emblem of Him, in whom the greatness which excites admiration, is united with the tenderness which wins our love. Jesus alone is the image of the invisible God. He is fairer than the children of men. He is more bright in excellence than angels. Hear how the apostle describes Him in Revelations, the first chapter: His head and His hair were white like wool as white snow; His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters and He had in His right hand seven stars, and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength. Christ is said to be "white and ruddy."



REV. MOSES WILLIAMS

1. White is expressive of His divinity. 2. Red is expressive of His humanity. 3. White denotes His natural purity and innocence. 4. Red denotes His bloody agony and sufferings for our sake. 5. The Prophet Isaiah, looking through the dim spectacle of Nature, and saw the on-coming tramp of Jesus. 14 years previous to His appearance in the world, said: Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah? Traveling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat? Oh, how interesting is Christ in the atonement which He made—he blessings He purchased, and the victory which He achieved? A Rose is celebrated for its fragrance—perfume. We read of the smell of Lebanon, and in the East such is the protusion, and fragrance of plants in some places that the air scented by them for a great space around. The name of Christ is as precious ointment poured forth. He is the Savior if life to them that believe. What is so sweet and refreshing to the spiritual sense of the soul as the sacrifice and saving power of Christ? Every virtue of Christ's character and every promise of His word. Every precept of His law, and every rite of His worship. Every act of His meditation, and every blessing of His grace is to the good, like ointment poured forth. His lips are like lilies, dropping sweet-smelling perfume, all His garments smell of myrrh, aloes and cassia, and His death was a sacrifice of sweet-smelling Savior unto God. It hath made the loathsome dungeon pleasant, and overcome the noisomeness of the grave. When Jacob appeared before his father in the goodly raiment of Esau, his father, Isaac, blessed him and said, "The smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed." And when Christians appear be-

fore God clad in righteousness and animated by spirit of His Son and for His sake, God accepts them.

The Rose possesses medical virtues which are very serviceable in some complaints, being conserved and otherwise used and applied, they exhilarate the spirits and are very cooling and good for the eyes.

But no plant can be likened in virtue to Christ. The Rose of Sharon and the "balm" of Gilead. He affords remedies for all plagues of the heart. Raging corruption is subdued by His influence, and the anguish of a guilty conscience is healed. He maketh the man of anger gentle, meek and humble. He maketh the mourner in Zion cheerful and happy. He taketh His worst enemies and makes them great instruments in His hands (like in the Apostle Paul's case).

The Rose of Sharon is like the tree which Moses was commanded to cast into the waters of Marah, which rendered them wholesome and sweet. Jesus, the Rise of Sharon, makes the severest affliction light, and will bring forth a remedy to heal all diseases of the soul. It will make a drunkard sober. It will make a liar truth. It will make a lazy man smart. It will make a long tongue short, and a crooked way straight. It will make a dishonest man honest.

The Rose of Sharon is reckoned by ancient and modern naturalists to be the queen of flowers. So the super-excellency of Christ is represented by the Apostle Paul to infinitely excel men and angels. One great write in speaking of his excellency said: Jesus, Thy name, high over all, earth, hell or sky; angels and men, before thee fall and devils flee and fly. The Rose of Sharon was in a lass to itself in beauty and propriety. There was no flower in the field possessed such beauty and such medicinal properties as the Rose of Sharon.

So Christ was in a class to Himself in every perfection. He is in a class to Himself in wisdom. He is in a class to Himself in patience. He is in a class to Himself in love. He is in a class to Himself in humility, and He is in a class to Himself in exaltation. (There is none can go as low as Christ, and none can go as high).

The Roses of Sharon that grew in the fields or plains were not planted by man, and therefore no certain individual has a claim on them, but everybody has an equal right to them. Had they been planted by some certain man, he would have had a fence around them and no one would be admitted to pluck them, without His permission, but they were planted by God, which gave each man an equal right to them.

So Jesus Christ was not planted in the field of this world by man, but He was planted by the hands of His father, which gave every man that cometh into this world, an equal right to Jesus. The Prophet Isaiah said: Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters and he that hath no money come ye, buy and eat; ye come, buy wine and milk, without money and without price (Isaiah 55:1).

Sharon was a place of pastures, place of feeding, a place where the flocks used to rest; it was a very fruitful valley. So Christ is to be found in green pastures, which is the Church.

where His word is faithfully preached and His ordinances are duly administered.

David said, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (Psalm 23:2). A preached Christ gives rest of mind to the penitent sinner, and to the desponding Christian. Christ said: Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and will give you rest.

Christ is to the soul, what food is to the body. We get food for the body in the world, but we get food for the soul in the Church.

The Rose is not a winter flower—it blooms only in summer, but Christ ever lives, full of grace and power and glory. Always was and always will be.

The Rose is a fading flower, but Christ is the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. George McNeal, Pastor.

Our 5 o'clock prayer meetings are well attended and much interest is taken in the deliberations. We wish to ask more to attend and get a good early start in the Sunday services. The 11 o'clock service was conducted by Reverend Jenkins who preached a very logical and practical sermon. The service at 2:30 p. m., was given to covenants and the administration of the Lord's Supper. The meeting was full of spirit and many were made to rejoice as they spoke together along the way. We had a splendid B. Y. P. U. which was well attended and much interest shown in the topics discussed. Mrs. A. E. Hyde and Bro. F. Richardson are on the sick list but we hope for them a speedy recovery as they are missed very much in the church. Mrs. H. Dwigins, one of our very progressive matrons spoke to our congregation in behalf of the N. A. C. P., and succeeded in getting twenty memberships. Mrs. Dwigins is a very earnest and convincing speaker and we delight to have her come among us. Such women as she are the life of a community. Prof. J. P. King, the silver tongued orator, also paid us a visit and spoke along the line of the N. A. C. P. We need not tell you how well he did as we all know what Professor King can do. He, being one of the foremost instructors in Summer High. We invite such women and men to be with us at any time. The day was well spent and the collection was \$91.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. J. R. Richardson, Pastor.

The pastor urges that more of the members attend the Bible Class that convenes each Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. The lessons are interesting and the topics discussed very helpful. Let more of us attend. The morning services at 11 o'clock were well attended and the pastor preached a soul-reviving sermon. Immediately after the morning service the Children's Day exercises were held and a very interesting program was rendered. The little children gave us an hour that was worth while and much credit is due the superintendent, Mrs. Prague and Sister Terrell, who spent so much time in preparing such a fine program. Mrs. Prague gave us a very interesting report from the Sunday School Convention, which convened in Argentine, Kansas. The Sunday School collection was \$4.65. At 3 o'clock the funeral of Pinkie Anderson, one of the Sabbath School scholars was preached by the pastor. The church and Sunday School extend their sympathy to the bereaved family. The Mothers meeting at 6:30 p. m., was addressed by Professor Gregg of W. U. He spoke in the interest of N. A. C. P. Mrs. Sarah Stokes, one of our oldest members is ill at her

home in Kansas City, Mo. The church is praying for her speedy recovery. The bazaar which was held last week was a success in every respect under the leadership of Sister Sallie Hayes, the president. The attendance was good and the Mission Circle which gave it realized \$37.60. The evening service was well attended and the pastor preached another excellent sermon. The work on the church is progressing nicely. The collection for the current expenses was \$117.15. We welcome one and all to any of our services.

Mr. Ben Tilley, one of the pioneer settlers of Seneca, Kas., was on the market at the stock yards with a carload of mules last week. While in the city he visited with his son Dr. E. B. Tilley, V.S., 610 Parallel Ave. Mr. Ben Tilley is one of our most progressive business men having been in the mule buying business for a number of years. He is highly respected by both black and white citizens of Seneca. He is well known over the country for the active part he has taken in the Masonic Fraternity. We are always glad to welcome such men to our city.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY. Quindaro, Kansas. Pres. F. Jesse Peck. The Western University has just completed one of the most successful years in its history under the efficient leadership of Pres. F. Jesse Peck, who is a great scholar and leader. President Peck was fortunate in securing Col. Charles Young, one of the highest colored officers of the U. S. A., to address the graduates. Colonel Young was escorted from Kansas City, Mo., by Lincoln High School Cadets and band and was met at 27th and Quindaro Blvd., by the W. U. cadets and band, with the school officials, who conducted him to the campus of the college where Colonel Young thanked the High School cadets for their having escorted him so far and also gave them some very timely advice. The boys all promised to follow his admonition, made him goodbye and returned to the city. At 3:30 the cadets and band marched to the young ladies dormitory and escorted the Faculty, Board Members, Visitors, Alumnae and Students to the campus in front of Ward Hall, where a large tent had been erected to be used for the Commencement exercises. After listening to a wonderful program Editor N. C. Crews, our own orator, made the introductory address and in his wonderful and masterly manner presented the speaker of the occasion, Col. Charles Young, U. S. A., who in a very unique way addressed the graduates. Colonel Young holds the highest rank of any Negro officer in the U. S. Army. He is a graduate of West Point having completed the course in 1889. He served as an officer in the Spanish American War, in Mexico and Haiti and Liberia. He is at present stationed at Camp Grant, in Illinois. Colonel Young in his address dwelt upon being proud that we were Negroes.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. Mose Williams, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., was well attended and quite an interest was manifested in the lesson. Our superintendent is doing much to make the Sabbath School a success. Come and bring along the children. At 11:00 a. m., the pastor preached from the subject, "The Burning Bush," and should have been heard by every one to have been appreciated. This was a glorious service and five were united with the church as candidates for baptism. Our hearts were made to rejoice to see so many forsaking the ways of sin and coming into the Fold. The B. Y. P. U. was well attended and the discussions were very interesting. At 8:00 p. m., the pastor preached again and used as his subject: "The Atonement," which he handled masterfully. All the services were well attended and spiritual, numerically and financially were a success. The collection for the day being \$140.70. We have one of the best places of worship in the city and appreciate your attendance. So come with us unto the House of the Lord.

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